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it was being made several years ago when sites for a new building were being considered. It was a great victory for Charlotte Moro, who will doubtless run for Mayor this time around, and also a victory for the senior citizens of Carbondale, about whom Charlotte is concerned. At the conclusion of the meeting, I gave a summation: we have come together and we have listened to each other and we are the better for it. The U. S. Postal Service will build a new building. The senior citizens of Carbondale will have a substation on the Main Street. The present building will be looked after because of codicil will be inserted in the deed of conveyance of the present building to its new owner that the exterior of the building can not be altered without the consent of the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Officer (which is a great victory for the CHS--this is all stated in Biglin's letter to me to 12-22-1982). The meeting ended with my thanking Postmaster Barrett, Mr. Scombordi, and Mrs. Charlotte Moro for having addressed the group. Warm applause from the house. After the meeting was over there were many little knots of people chatting and visiting. Scombordi was holding forth with the blue prints for the new building. I thanked Rev. Pullis for allowing us to meet in the BBC and told him that the CHS would send a check and he said that that would not be necessary. I said that we would send a check. He said, yes, do. I'll show it to the BBC trustees and then send the check back to you. JVB, Mark Myers, Sue Stephens, Tomaine and I went to the Ben Mar for "coffee." Mr. and Mrs. Moro and Postmaster Barrett were there together at one of the booths out by the bar--they are apparently buddies and I realized then that the "staged battle" between Charlotte Moro and the Postmaster had probably been planned. Charlotte is a very knowledgeable political animal. Also in the Ben Mar were Nan Daniels and Gloria Wilson and a couple of their colleagues from the meeting. JVB, Sue Stephens, Mark Myers, Tomaine and I analyzed the meeting and concluded, as did everyone, that it was a success. I drove Sue and John and Mark home and that was that. I went to The Homestead and prepared a "Carbondale Calendar 1983" mailing for the following morning. I was in bed by 2 A.M. On Friday morning I strode into the Post Office with a bulk mailing in tow and was greeted with the greatest respect and politeness by one and all. Scombordi even came out of the Postmaster's office and invited me into his office for a chat when I had finished the bulk mailing. The entire post office staff was on its best behaviour for my visit. It was very gratifying to be recognized as an adult of influence who is listened to by the community. Scombordi and I had a heart to heart talk for about one and one-half hours. At the conclusion of the chat, he was very impressed with me. I was feeling very literate and urbane and was, I must say, very polished and Scombordi was dazzled. At the conclusion of the chat, he was making a concerted effort to make sure that I understood that he was a buddy of mine. I drove home and had lunch. Scombordi called at 2 P.M. and said: "What do you think about the idea of making the Post Office into a museum? Would you like me to call the Regional Manager and see what he says? I can also call the Real Estate office in Philadelphia what they think. Perhaps some kind of a transfer of the building can be made from the Postal Service to the Carbondale Historical Society for a museum." I was dumbfounded. Yes, yes, yes, said I, and encouraged Scombordi in

Present at the meeting of the Carbondale Historical Society on Thursday, January 6, 1983, at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Hall of the Berean Baptist Church, Carbondale:

1. Robert Powell
2. Susan Stephens
4. Joe Moro
4. Charlotte Moro
5. Louis J. Scambordi
6. John Fryer
7. Helen Fryer
8. Mark S. Myers
9. Ivan H. Colville
10. Nan E. Lofgren
11. Mary Kay Digne
12. Mary Schofield
13. Ruth Hahnemann
14. Philma Chubb
15. Joseph Passore
16. John V. Bubnowak
17. Eleanor Spellman
18. M. L. Quinn
19. David Hogarth
20. Dolores Livings
21. Anne Hogarth
22. Roger Ward
23. Dan Daniels
24. Helen Castobnick
25. Ann Toneyhaker
26. Joseph Castobnick

→ I met her nephew